

A LIST OF LIZARDS FROM MESOPOTAMIA.

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The following is an enumeration of the Lizards sent to the Bombay Natural History Society's Museum during the Mesopotamia Expedition which Mr. Kinnear has entrusted to me for identification. I have also referred to the specimens presented to the British Museum by Capt. P. A. Buxton, Major C. Christy, and Capt. C. L. Boulenger:—

GECKONIDÆ.

1. *Ceramodactylus doriæ*, Blanf.

Zobeya, Lower Mesopotamia (Capt. F. C. Fraser).

Habitat: Arabia, Mesopotamia, Persia.

2. *Gymnodactylus scaber*, Rüpp.

Amara (Capt. P. A. Buxton), Basra (Lt.-Col. F. Wall).

Habitat: Egypt, Arabia, Mesopotamia, Persia, Afghanistan, Sind.

3. *Hemidactylus flaviridis*, Rüpp. (*coctæi*, D. and B.)

Basra (Lt.-Col. F. Wall, Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor).

Habitat: Coasts of the Red Sea and of the Persian Gulf, Socotra, Mekran Coast, India, Burma.

EUBLEPHARIDÆ.

4. *Eublepharis macularius*, Blyth.

Mesopotamia (Capt. H. T. Mackenzie).

Habitat: Mesopotamia, Persia, Transcaucasia, Baluchistan, Punjab, Sind.

AGAMIDÆ.

5. *Agama persica*, Blanf.

Euphrates Barrage (Capt. C. R. Pitman), Faleya, Euphrates (Capt. F. W. Mackenzie), Bagdad (Capt. R. W. Hingston), Amara (Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor), Zobeya (Capt. F. C. Fraser).

Habitat: Mesopotamia, Persia.

6. *Agama rudrata*, Oliv.

Faleya (Capt. H. L. Mackenzie), Amara (Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor), Zobeya (Capt. F. C. Fraser, Lt. T. R. Livesey), Basra (Lt.-Col. F. P. Dickinson, Maj. E. H. Martin).

Habitat: Asia Minor, Syria, Arabia, Mesopotamia, Persia, Sind. Also Egypt and Nubia. *A. pallida*, Reuss, should be regarded as a variety of this species, as some of the specimens from Mesopotamia tend to show.

7. *Agama nupta*, De Fil.

Mesopotamia (Capt. H. T. Mackenzie).

Habitat: Mesopotamia, Persia, Baluchistan.

8. *Phrynccephalus maculatus*, Anders.

Zobeya (Capt. F. C. Fraser).

Habitat: Mesopotamia, Persia, Baluchistan, Afghanistan.

9. *Uromastix microlepis*, Blanf.

Zobeya (Lt. T. R. Livesey), Mesopotamia (Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor).

Habitat: Head of the Persian Gulf.

VARANIDÆ.

10. *Varanus griseus*, Daud.

Nasariyeh (Capt. C. R. Pitman) Mesopotamia (Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor).

Habitat : North Africa, South-Western Asia from Arabia and the Caspian Sea to North-Western India.

AMPHISBÆNIDÆ.

21. *Pachycalamus zarudnyi*, Nik.

Shaiba Lezait (Lt. T. R. Livesey).

Originally described from Western Persia, under the name of *Diplometopon zarudnyi*, Nikolsky, Ann. Mus. Zool. St. Petersb. X. 1906, p. 68. A specimen from the Island of Manama, Persian Gulf, was presented to the British Museum by Dr. G. K. Monami in 1910.

LACERTIDÆ.

12. *Acanthodactylus boskianus*, Daud.

Var. *asper*, Aud.

Basra (Maj. C. Christy).

Var. *euphraticus*, Blgr.

Ramadiéh, Euphrates (Capt. C. L. Boulenger).

An interesting new form, described by me in the Annals and Magazine, Nat. Hist. (9) iii. 1919, p. 549.

Habitat : North Africa, Arabia, Syria. Had not been recorded from Mesopotamia before.

13. *Acanthodactylus scutellatus*, Aud.

Basra (Maj. C. Christy).

Habitat : North Africa, Senegambia, Arabia, Syria. First record for Mesopotamia.

14. *Acanthodactylus fraseri*, Blgr.

A new species, discovered by Capt. F. C. Fraser at Zobeya and described in this Journal, XXV. 1918, p. 373.

15. *Eremias brevirostris*, Bland.

Faleya (Capt. F. W. Mackenzie), Zobeya (Lt. T. R. Livesey), Ramadiéh and Desert of Tel Jebarrah (Capt. C. L. Boulenger).

The types of this species are from Karabagh in the Punjab and Tum Island in the Persian Gulf. The lizard has since been found in Persia near Bushire and in Syria (*E. bernoullii*, Schenkel), and I refer to the same species one of the specimens from Dasht in Baluchistan included by Blandford under his *Mesalina pardalis*.

16. *Ophiops elegans*, Men.

Var. *ehrenbergii*, Wieg.

Ramadiéh, Euphrates, (Capt. C. L. Boulenger).

Var. *persicus*, Blgr.

Sharoban, N.-E. of Bagdad (Capt. C. L. Boulenger).

Var. *mizolepis*, Stol.

Euphrates at Suk esh Shuyak and on road from Felujah to Ramadiéh (Capt. C. L. Boulenger).

Amara (Capt. P. A. Buxton), Basra (Lt.-Col. F. Wall).

The range of this lizard extends from Constantinople and Tripoli to N.-W. India. The var. *mizolepis* was originally described from the low country S.-W. of Karabagh, on the Indus, and was found at Basra by Blandford; specimens from Haifa in Palestine also appear to be referable to it.

SCINCIDÆ.

17. *Mabuia vittata*, Oliv.

Amara (Capt. P. A. Buxton), Mesopotamia (Capt. C. R. Pitman).

Habitat: Algeria, Tunisia, Lower Egypt, Syria, Cyprus, Asia Minor, Mesopotamia.

18. *Mubuia septemlæniata*, Reuss.

Amara (Lt.-Col. Connor, Capt. P. A. Buxton), Basra (Lt.-Col. F. Wall, Lt.-Col. F. P. Connor), Ramadieh, Euphrates (Capt. C. L. Boulengere).

Habitat: Erytrea, Arabia, Syria, Asia Minor, Transcaspia, Mesopotamia, Persia, Sind.

19. *Ablepharus brandti*, Strauch.

Amara (Capt. P. A. Buxton), Basra and Suks-esh-Shuyek, Euphrates (Capt. Boulenger).

Habitat: Bokhara, Samarkand, Mesopotamia, Persia, Baluchistan, Punjab, Sind.

20. *Eumeces schneideri*, Daud.

Mesopotamia (Capt. H. T. Mackenzie).

Habitat: Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Cyprus, Asia Minor, Transcaspia, Mesopotamia, Persia, Baluchistan.